

Welcome to Dinner Club

You're invited to join the dinner club series, a feast of food, sharing, and connection.

Je bent uitgenodigd om deel te nemen aan de Dinner Club serie. een feest van eten, delen en verbinding.

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Project Information (EN)

Domesticity and Care

The domesticity of the works creates an openness, the acts of sharing, cooking and eating together become tools for subversion. Here care is the politics. The slow and intentional process of making alongside the communal cooking requires attention to detail, through the combination of these two practices, labour and love are embedded in the fabric of the whole project. Each stitch, like each ingredient brought by someone, holds a memory. The textiles hold the memories of conversations and meals we have shared, their stains of previous dinner clubs carry a familiarity and utility, their repeated use brings a new value. They are carriers of the ephemeral beauty of a social gathering extending their joy beyond one single occasion.

Adaptability is central; with the works becoming art pieces, invites, tablecloths, place mats, cushions, recipes... their function determined by the individuals present at each dinner club, each meal becoming a new composition shaped by those attending. The works act as both the scenographic elements and participant to the dinner club shaping the sensory landscape of each shared meal and gathering; honouring craft and collective nourishment. With a discontent felt about the world we live in the work also acts as a space for critical conversation: about food waste, food poverty, loneliness, animal welfare, and the hidden structures of the food industry... The space created insists on tenderness, play and connection as radical acts in themselves. In that way the dinners and works are a kind of resistance - not through confrontation but through care. It is a quiet and loud at the same time. This, is a dream worth romanticising: one where joy and care are of much greater significance than the relentless pursuit of economic success, productivity and material gain.

Projectinformatie (NL)

Huiselijkheid en Zorg

De huiselijkheid van de werken creëert een openheid; de handelingen van samen delen, koken en eten worden middelen voor subversie. Hier is zorg de politiek. Het trage en bewuste maakproces, samen met het gezamenlijke koken, vraagt om aandacht voor detail. Door deze twee praktijken te combineren, worden arbeid en liefde verweven in de kern van het hele project. Elke steek, net als elk ingrediënt dat iemand meebrengt, draagt een herinnering. De textielen bewaren de herinneringen aan de gesprekken en maaltijden die we hebben gedeeld; de vlekken van eerdere Dinner Clubs dragen een gevoel van vertrouwdheid en gebruik. Door hun herhaaldelijke inzet krijgen ze een nieuwe waarde. Ze zijn dragers van de vluchtige schoonheid van een sociale bijeenkomst, en verlengen de vreugde ervan voorbij één enkel moment.

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eleanorjacques-luca-3_1757599344.jpg	Dinner Club 4. hasselback everything	Eleanor Jacques
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eleanorjacques-luca-4_1757599702.jpg	Dinner Club 7. another salad	Eleanor Jacques
dscn0286_1757599715.jpg	Dinner Club 8. another salad...	Eleanor Jacques
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